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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please insert the following title and paragraph before the section entitled “Technical Field of the Invention” on page 1 of the specification:

**Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of provisional U.S. Application Ser. No. 60/433,305, filed December 13, 2002 and entitled “SINGLE FIBER OPTICAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM,” the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. This application is related by subject matter to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/454,712, filed June 3, 2003 and entitled “APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DUPLEX OPTICAL TRANSPORT USING A CO-DIRECTIONAL OPTICAL AMPLIFIER.”